#### CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS ON FISHERIES



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#### **MODEL ANALYSES AND FORECAST**



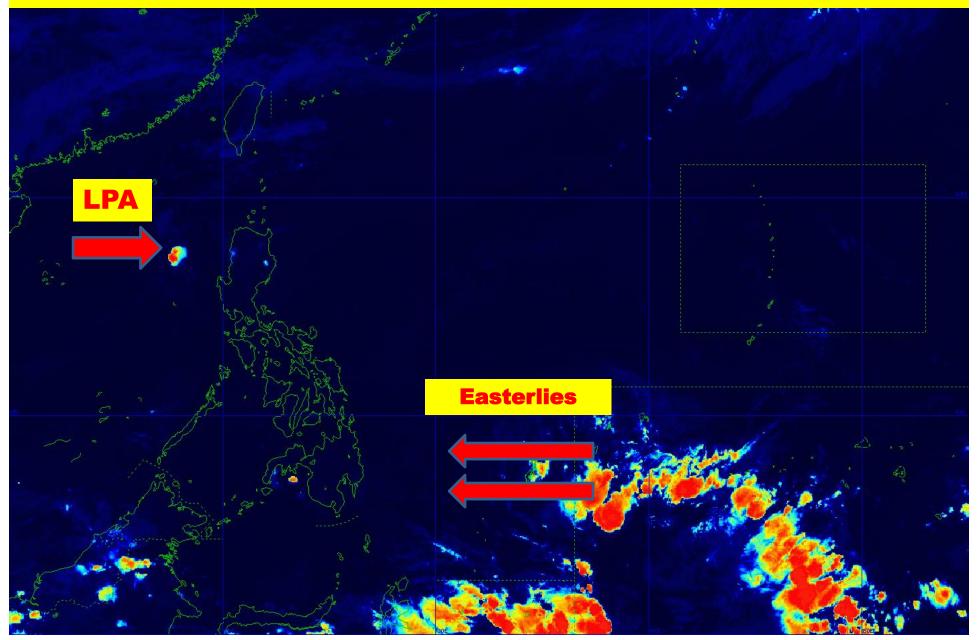


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At 4:00 AM today, the Low Pressure Area (LPA) was estimated based on all available data at 275 km West Northwest of Dagupan City, Pangasinan (17.1°N, 118.0°E). Ridge of a High Pressure Area (HPA) extending across Luzon and Visayas. Easterlies affecting the eastern section of Mindanao.



#### Why the frequent floods, and how to prevent them?

# Why does it flood so easily these days?

THE QUESTION: IS THEIR REALLY A CLIMATE CHANGE? IF THERE IS, WHO CARES?







Carmen-Danao, Cebu Floodings (April 15, 2017) Due to LPA (formerly TD CRISING)



#### Dec. 13, 2013: SNOW In Egypt for the First Time In 112 Years



#### Jan. 28, 2016: Nobody panic, but it's snowing in Saudi!



# Global warming

is already happening and it's accelerating.

 Global warming refers to the gradual increase of the Earth's temperature because of energy trapped by the Earth's atmosphere

> The retention of the heat by the atmosphere is called the greenhouse effect.

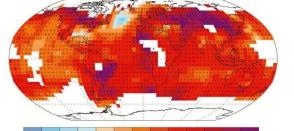
SOURCE: Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Climate Change 2007 - Synthesis Report

EVENT: Chemical manufacturing facility in Australia

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# CLIMATE CHANGE IS UPON US

Observed change in average surface temperature 1901–2012



-0.6 -0.4 -0.2 0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0 1.25 1.5 1.75 2.5 Trend (°C over period)

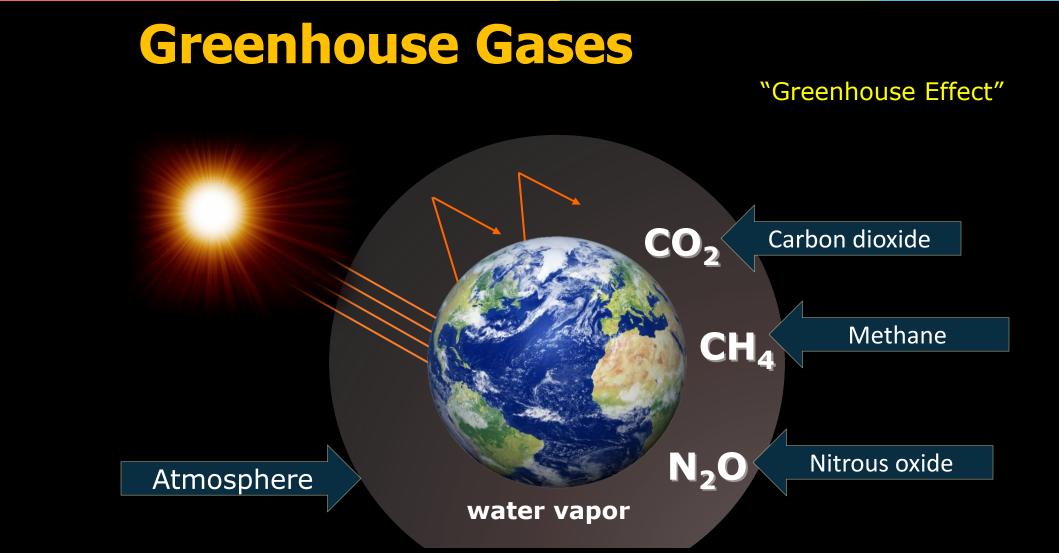
Warming in the climate system is unequivocal

#### HAVETOACKNOWLEDGE THAT CLIMATE CHANGE IS HAPPENING, IS ACCELERATING, AND

# THE EARTH WILL WARM EVEN

MORE 2-6°C

IN NEXT 100 YEARS



Without greenhouse gases, the Earth's surface is -15°C warmer than it otherwise would be. Without this natural greenhouse or blanket effect, life as we know it would not be possible.



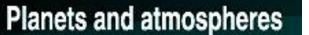




Mars Thin atmosphere (Almost all CO<sub>2</sub> in ground) Average temperature : - 50°C

#### Earth 0,03% of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere Average temperature : + 15°C

Venus Thick atmosphere containing 96% of CO<sub>2</sub> Average temperature : + 420°C

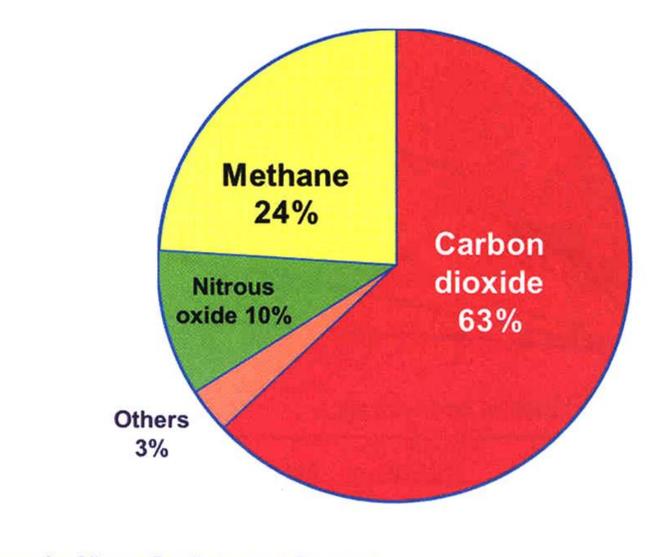


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Sources: Calvin J. Hamilton, Views of the solar system, www.planetscapes.com; Bill Arnett , The nine planets, a multimedia tour of the solar system, www.seds.org/billa/tnp/nineplanets.html

CO<sub>2</sub> is the major contributor to global warming Current emissions, effect over next 100 years





Hadley Centre for Climate Prediction and Research

# warmer What's wrong with Warmer Warmer temperatures?



# Climate Change different places indifferent ways













More intense and longer droughts since 1970



#### Direct Observations of Recent Climate Change

Increase intensity of tropical cyclone activity since 1970.

Hot days, hot nights, & heat waves have become more frequent.

#### **ITS GETTING WARMER**





#### When Will We Feel Climate Change?

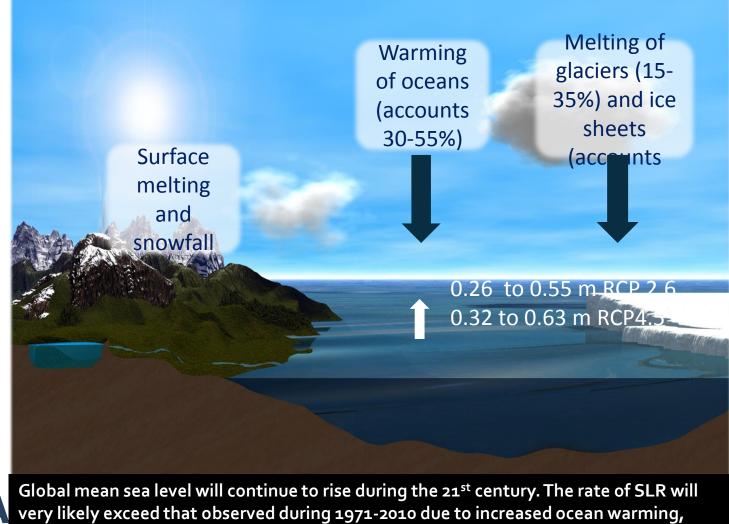


With the ice caps melting, more water is poured into the oceans, thus raising their levels. The seas invade low-lying areas. If the melting of the ice does not stop, low-lying islands will disappear; the bigger ones will have their areas reduced as the seas invade their shores.



#### **FUTURE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE**

#### Sea Level Rise Projections (2081-2100)









**DOST-PA** very likely exceed that observed during 1971-2010 due to increased ocean warming, The Weather and Clim increased loss of mass from glaciers and ice sheets.

#### Pedersen Glacier (1920's – 1940's)



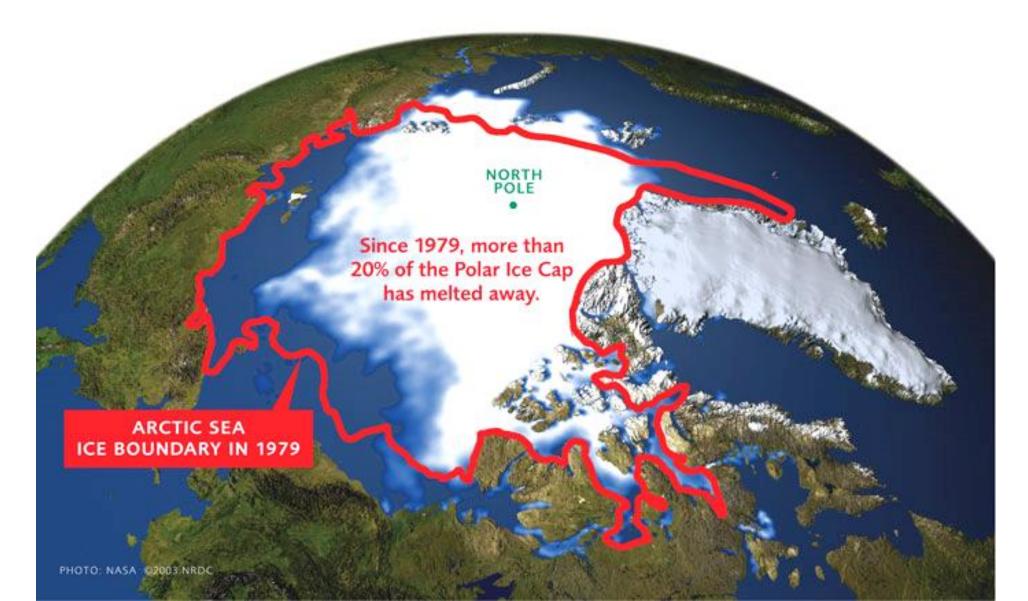
When photographed here sometime between the 1920s and the 1940s, Pedersen Glacier was calving icebergs into the lake from a seracs-capped terminus that ranged from about 66 to 131 feet high. No vegetation is visible. (Kenai Fjords National Park)

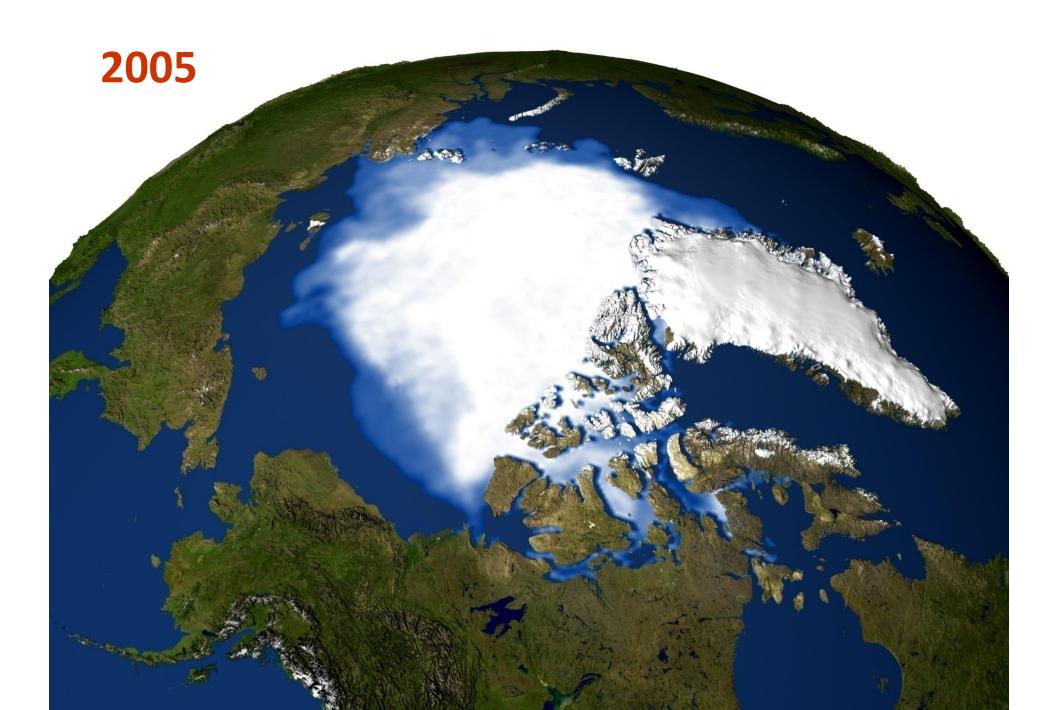
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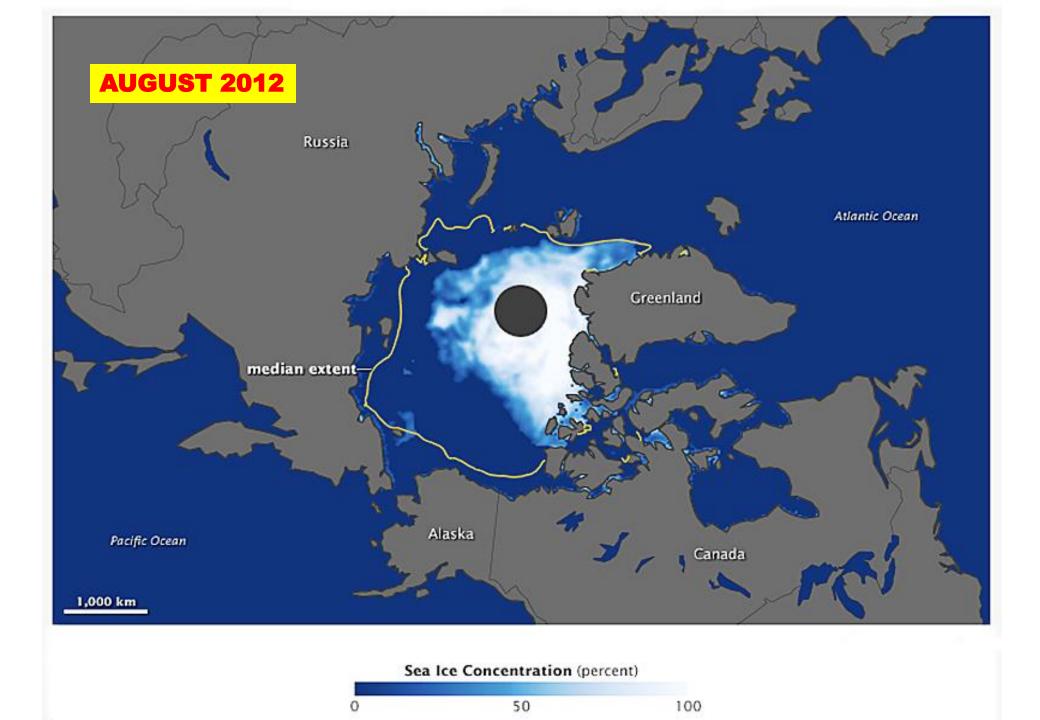


The second photo dates was taken Aug. 10, 2005. Since the first photo, most of the lake has filed with sediment and now supports grasses, shrubs and aquatic plants. The glacier's terminus has retreated by more than a mile and no icebergs are visible. Isolated patches of snow are present at a few higher elevation locations. (USGS/Bruce Molnia)

# Now.







# **Rising sea levels**

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Rising temperatures cause the large oceans to heat up and expand. Gnawing away at low-lying coastal communities.

SOURCE: NASA mission help dissect sea-level rise, 2006

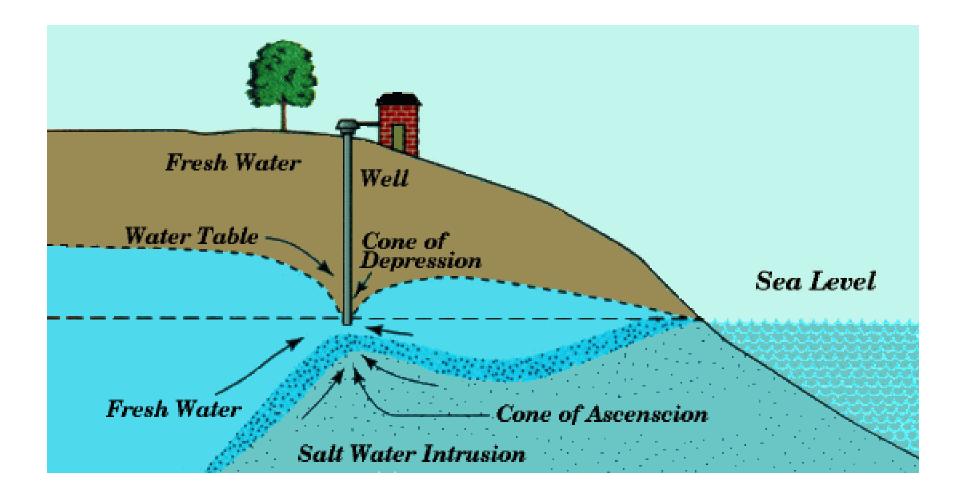
EVENT: Cancun, Mexico

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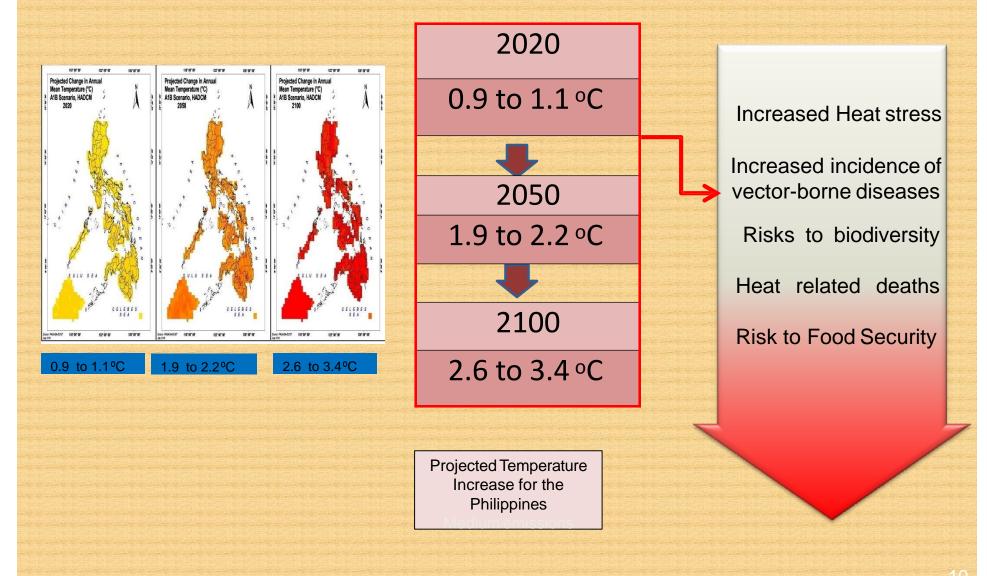
Seas aren't just rising, scientist say- its worse than that. They're speeding up of 3-5mm per year.



#### Saltwater intrusion







### The starting point

for WWF's analysis was the strong scientific consensus that any human-induced warming greater than two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels would have a dangerous and highly damaging impact on both human societies and their economies and the global environment as a whole.



Celsius

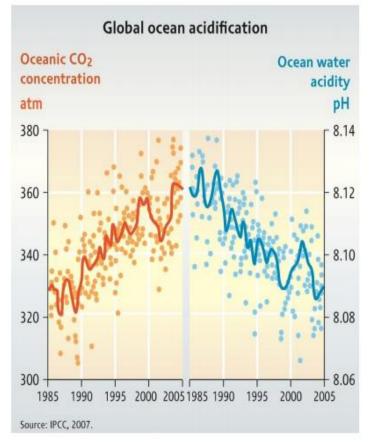
Increases in sea surface temperature Decline in coastal ecosystem health Changes in ocean circulation Accelerated coastal erosion Decline in plankton biomass Decline in fish abundance Decline in oxygen levels Increased sea flooding Changes in salinity Saltwater intrusion Acidification



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#### **Ocean Acidification/ Decrease in ocean pH**

- CO<sub>2</sub> uptake has decreased ocean pH
  - Implications on biology of organisms (reproduction, growth, neural functions, etc.) and ecosystem processes (reef building, primary productivity, etc.)



Source: IPCC 4th Assessment Report: Climate Change 2007 Hoegh-Guldberg et al (2014).





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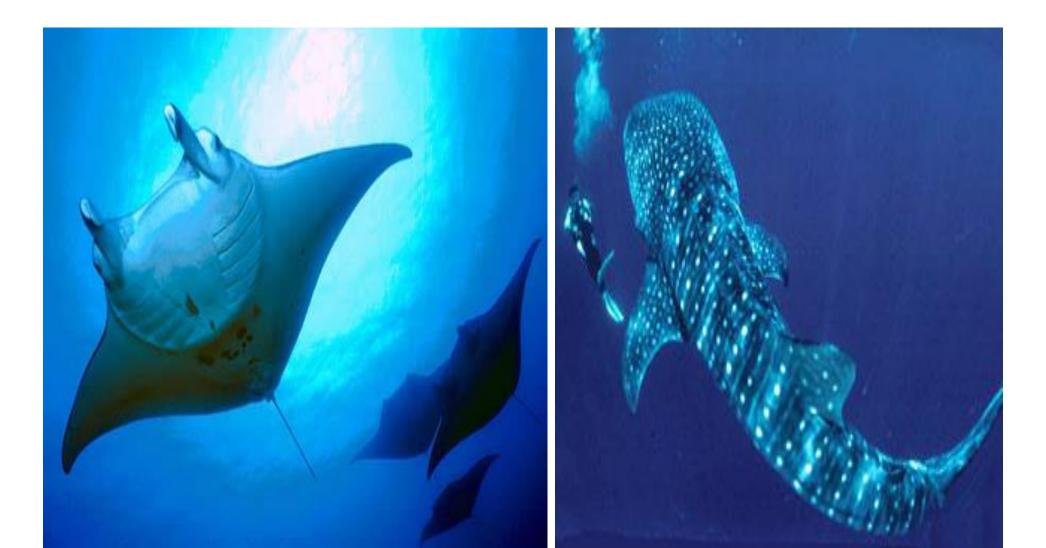
## Increased Oceanic Acidity



## **Extinction of Species**

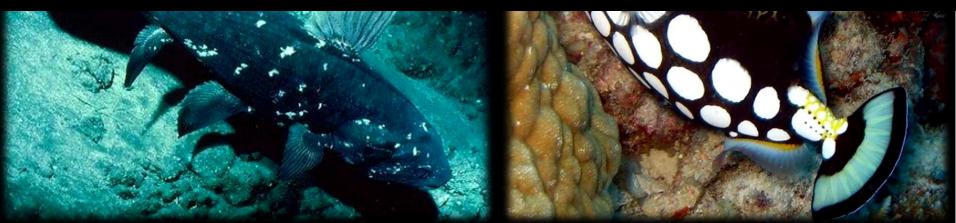
c) WWF-Canon / Martin HARVEY

- Philippine waters are within the path of migrating populations of whale sharks and manta rays
  - At least 22 species of Marine Mammals



### **3000** Species of Fish in the Philippines Alone

## We can't afford to lose these treasures in our Islands.



#### **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS ON FISHERIES**

Type of change	Climatic variable	Impacts	Potential Impacts to Fisheries
Fish stocks	High SST	Change in physiology and sex ratios of fished species	Changes in timing and levels of productivity across marine and freshwater systems
		Altered timing of spawning, migrations, and/or peak abundance	Reduced production of target species
		Increased invasive species, diseases and algal blooms	

Source: Allison,EH et al. (2009). Vulnerability of national economies to the impacts of climate change on fisheries. Fish and Fisheries DOI: 10.1111/j.1467-2979.2008.00310.x







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- Dramatic change in distribution and quantities of fish and sea foods.
- Coral bleaching on massive scales never seen before due to warming of sea water.
- Decreased calcification in corals, mollusks and other shell-forming organisms (softening of shells).
- Trigger algal blooms that cause red tides as well as fish kills.

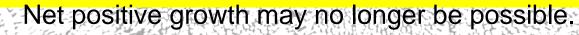




which are highly sensitive to small changes in water









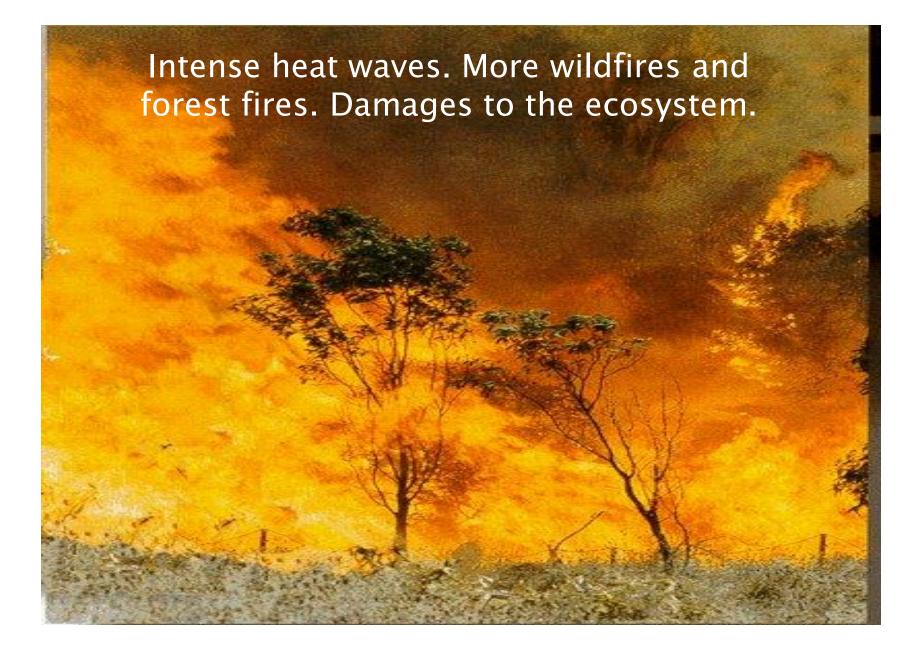
### Mass Fish Death







WILL DIRECTLY THREATEN FOOD SECURITY, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE PHILIPPINES HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST POPULATION GROWTH



## **Decline of Forest Cover**

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**Illegal logging**, Greedy loggers have ravaged our forests and most of our mountains are now bald. Without trees, there are no roots to hold the soil together. Thus, rainwater easily erodes the mountainsides, carrying the topsoil down to the streams and rivers below.



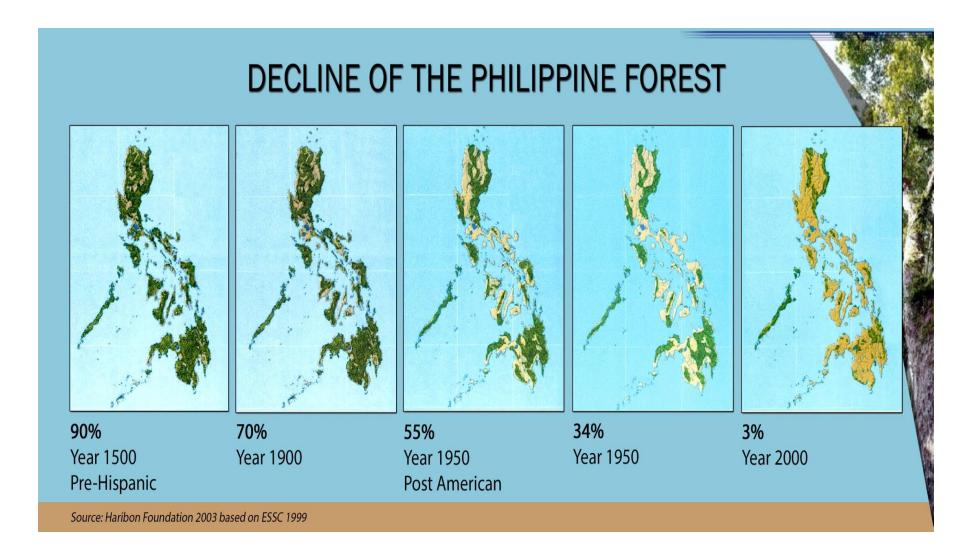
As the water flows down the waterways, it drops the silt it is carrying. Over the years, this silt has made the waterways shallower so that they can hold less and less water. They therefore easily overflow their banks.

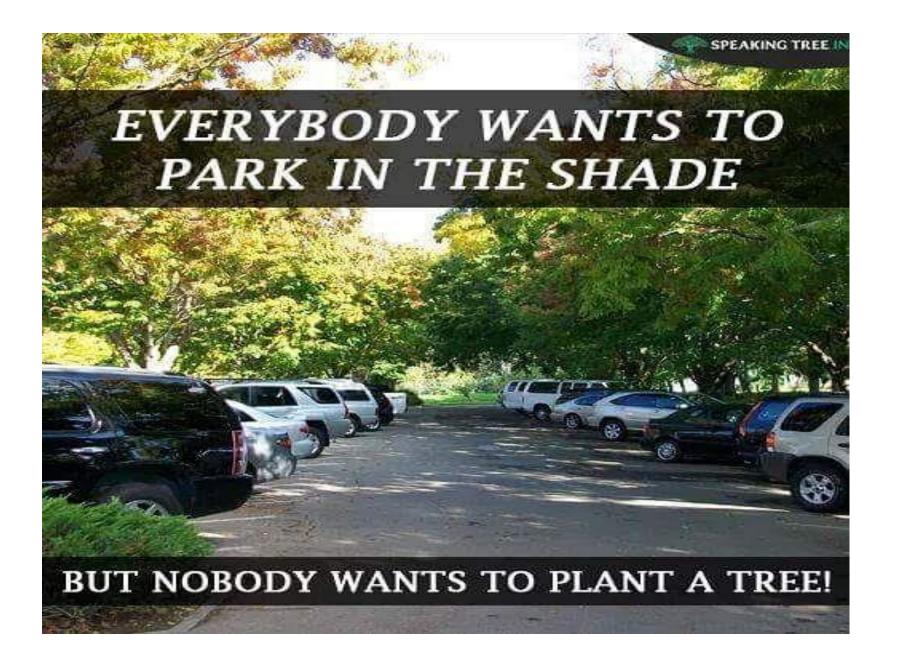


Floodwaters are now brown, unlike before when they were clearer and cleaner. That is because of the silt they are carrying. When the floods recede, they leave a thick layer of mud. That is also the mud that they deposit at the bottom of the waterways.

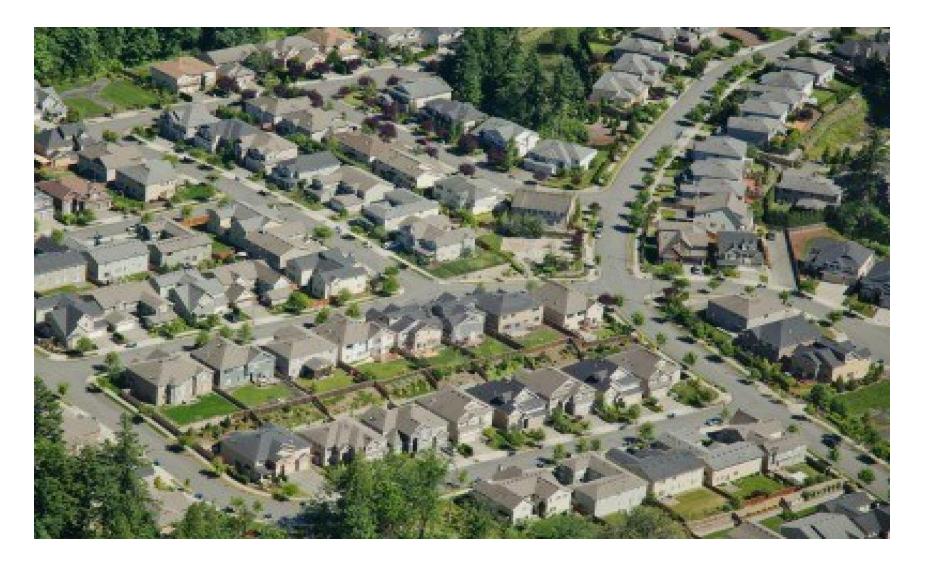
#### Environment

1. Reforestation, Reforestation, Reforestation





When all the trees are cut down When all the animals are dead When all the waters are poisoned When all the air is unsafe to breather Only then will you discover ..... YOU CANNOT EAT MONEY. **Rapid Urbanization** With the development of more housing subdivisions on what were once rice fields, the construction of more office buildings, shopping malls and residential condominiums in the cities.



#### Inadequate drainage system. The planners did not anticipate

the big volumes of water that would inundate the land. The drainage system, therefore, cannot drain the rain and floodwaters fast enough.



The fifth factor is **GARBAGE** specifically the bad habit of many Filipinos to throw their trash anywhere, and especially into waterways.







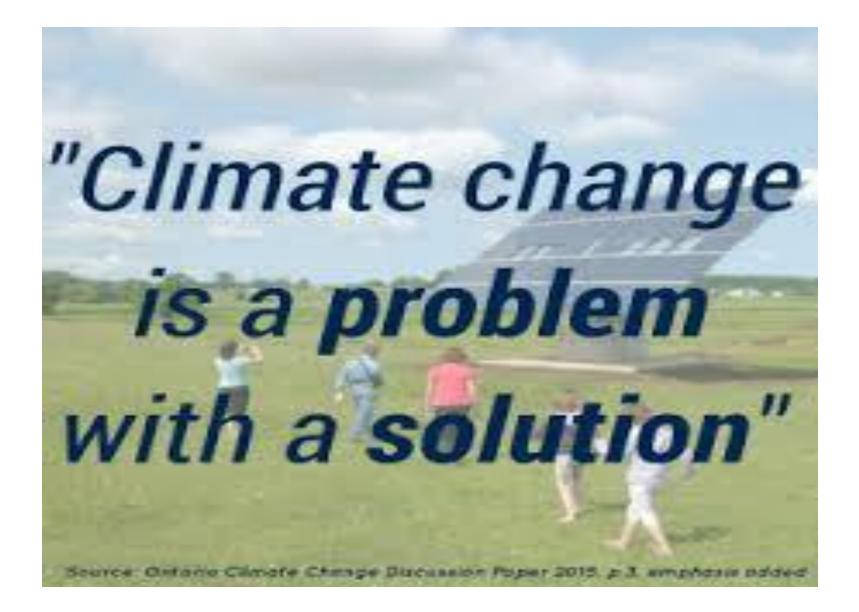
#### Discipline

#### These are Humans.

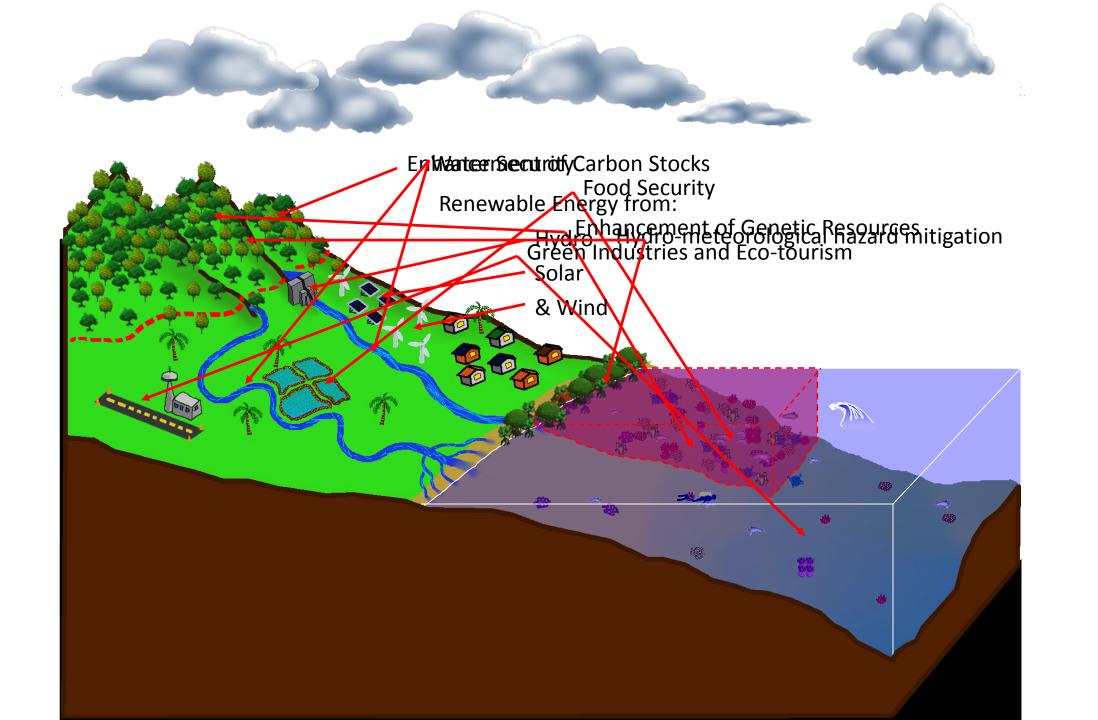


#### These are Animals.





## MITIGATION



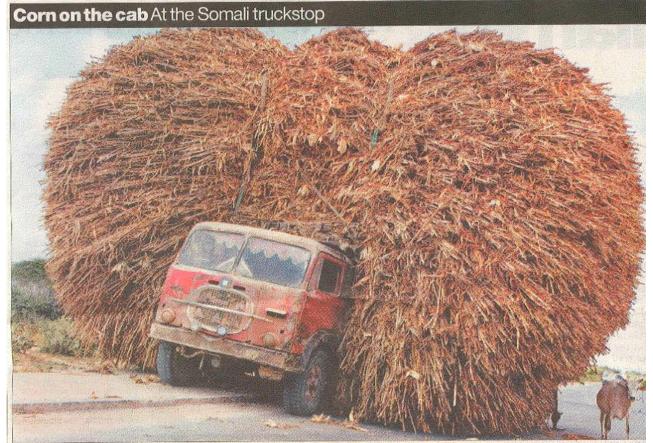


## things to remember...

# Building Resilience always involves taking some risks....



## Resilience reduces the burden placed on governments



A lorry loaded with maize stands parked on the side of a Mogadishu road. A journalist from the Kenyan Daily Nation, returning last week from a visit to the Somali capital, described 'a city of smoking guns, high levels of crime and surprises' Photograph: Antony Njunguna/Reuters

### Resilience requires Creative Innovation

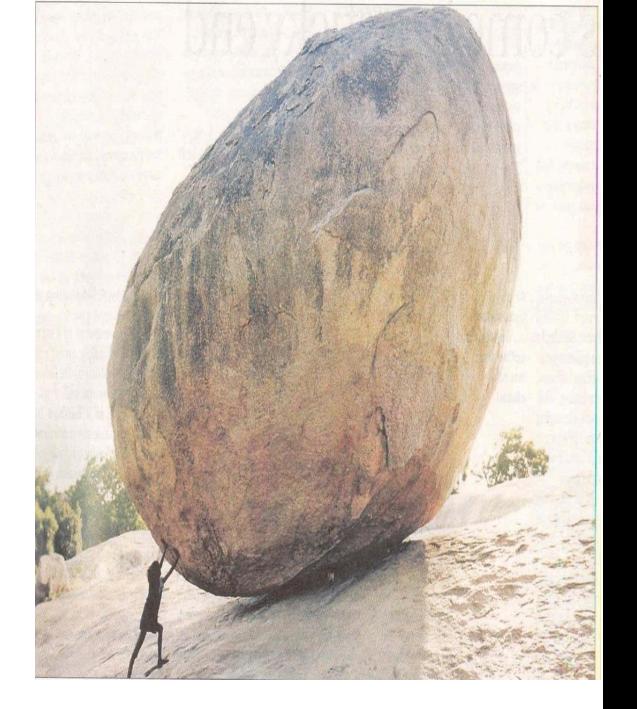




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Building Resilience can feel a bit like this....

but when the task is shared it is realisable



Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration

#### STOP CLIMATE CHANGE BEFORE IT CHANGES YOU.



Nor a Swing planet

## Is This Really the Kind of Future We Want?

"In the end, we will conserve only what we love, we will love only what we understand, and we will understand only what we are taught."

— Baba Dioum, Senegalese conservationist



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